members out of which 9 members of the Committee including the President and the Vice-president are nominated by the Government and remaining 6 members are elected out of the share holders other than the Government. The Government has reconstituted the Committee on 19-9-94. The Committee has 9 nominated members and 6 elected members. The 6 elected members assumed office on 24-9-1991 and are still continuing pending fresh elections. The Management Committee is constituted as per by-law 23 (a) read alongwith by-law 20 (a) of the Co-operative Stores Limited, Delhi, popularly known as Super Bazar.

(d) to (f) The Chairman nominated by the Government is a senior retired Government officer and by virtue of his being appointed as Chairman, he acquires position senior to all other members of the Managing Committee. The present Chairman is an expert in co-operatives and has a long experience in dealing with the consumers co-operatives while serving as an officer in the Government.

(g) The nominations to the Managing Committee have been made after due and careful deliberation by the Government.

Assessment and Review of the Functioning of Super Bazar

1702. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times the assessment and review of the functioning of Super Bazar was carried out during 1993 and so far in 1994 ;

(b) the outcome thereof and the advice tendered to Super Bazar and the effect thereof ;

(c) whether Government have any proposal for the merger of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar as these organisations are practically doing the same work but are under two different Ministries ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) Periodical review and assessment of the functioning of Super Bazar was carried out three times in the calendar year 1993 and five times in the calendar year 1994 so far. The Ministry have suggested measures for further improvement in the working of Super Bazar for obtaining better operational results keeping the overall service motive of Super Bazar in view.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Governnment. Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are two different registered Co-operative Societies and governed by two Management Committees. The Kendriya Bhandar was set-up as a welfare measure for the benefit of the Central Government employees while the Super Bazar has been set-up to serve the general public.

Introduction of New Items in Super Bazar

1703. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Super Bazar had previously stated that new items are introduced mainly to keep pace with the changing consumer demands and tastes and the products have gained popularity in the market ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the new items, introduced during 1994 not being available in all the mini branches ; and

(c) the names of the new items introduced during 1994 and supply order placed on each of these items and quantities sold, month-wise and branch-wise during 1994 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Super Bazar has reported that depending upon the stock position, indents are placed for all such items periodically and the availability depends on supplies being made. At times restricted introduction of items is allowed for regional distribution centres and selected mini branches to know the sales trend/consumer demands before the product is put on sale through all the branches.

(c) Super Bazar has reported that the information regarding names of all new items introduced in 1994 is not readily available. Information regarding supply orders placed for each of these items, quantity sold month-wise and branch-wise involves voluminous and laborious workload in compiling such information and the efforts made may not be commensurate with the results to be achieved therefrom.

Population covered under RPDS in Gujarat and Maharashtra

1704. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the total population of states of Gujarat and Rajasthan covered under the Revamped Public Distribution System;

(b) whether Government have received complaints and suggestions from the State Governments in respect of the Revamped Public Distribution System;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the quantity of the commodities made available to these States for distribution under this system during 1993-94 and so far during 1994-95 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) In Gujarat and Rajasthan about 86.18 lakhs and 195.74 lakhs people respectively are covered under RPDS as per 1991 census.

(b) and (c) The Revamped Public Distribution System was launched in the country in 27 States/UTs in 1992 in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. The progress of this scheme is monitored by the Central Government in terms of points of action and targets set by the States/UTs themselves. The suggestions/views/Complaints of the States/UTs in implementing the scheme are discussed periodically with them in various form like Advisory Council, regional meetings, etc. for taking necessary remedial action.

(d) The quantity of commodities allocated to Gujarat and Rajasthan during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:—

('000 tonnes)

Year	State	Wheat	Rice	Sugar	Edible Oil	Kerosene
1993-94	Gujarat	642.00	414.00	208.88	6.00	786.03
	Rajasthan	1140.00	84.60	218.22	1.40	285.70
1994-95	Gujarat	481.50	310.50	149.94	21.30	513.66
(upto Oct., 94)	Rajasthan	978.96	34.00	157.94	0.00	197.33

Proposal to Permit States to Import Palmolein

1705. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give permission to individual State to import Palmolein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal has been received by Government from Gujarat for the import of Palmolein; and

(d) if so, the action taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Inadequate PDS Coverage of the Poor

1706. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem in the 'Statesman' dated 20th October, 1994 captioned: "PDS coverage of poor inadequate";

(b) if so, whether it has been revealed through a study that programmes meant for weaker sections are not properly implemented;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) what concrete steps Government propose to take to implement various consumer oriented schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The newsitem refers to a study conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research. The study has identified several shortcomings in programmes meant for the